

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 27, 2000
7:00 p.m.

The District Advisory Board VI was held in the First Floor Board Room, City Hall, 455 N. Main.

Members Present

Clarence Wiley
Wendell Turner
Linda Matney
Sharon Fearey
Bob Schreck
Doratheia Sloan
Tony Rangel
John Van Walleghe

Members Absent

C. Bickley Foster

Guests

Barry Carroll, MAPD staff
Misty Bruckner, staff
Susan Farrell, YMCA applicant

Council Member Joan Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No items were submitted.

COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Discussion of District Advisory Board Meeting Day.

The first and third Wednesday of the month was selected and approved as the day for the District Advisory Board to meet. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

2. Board Processes (Cole):

A demographics handout explained why it was important for the District Advisory Board to represent the diversity of the area. If any board members have suggestions of members please notify Council Member Cole.

3. Selection of First Pro Tem and Second Pro Tem.

Council Member Cole asked for recommendation from members to appoint the first and second Chair Pro Tem. *Doratheia Sloan* was appointed first Chair Pro Tem and *Sharon Fearey* appointed as second Chair Pro Tem.

4. New site for District Advisory Board meeting.

The Evergreen Recreation Center is a site for a Mini-City Hall and will be used as the District Advisory Board meeting site. April 19, 2000 will be the first meeting held at this center. The Mini-City Hall will serve as: 1) Central area for the neighborhoods to meet; 2) Offer computer banks with internet access; 3) Community Police office; 4) Community Education; and 5) Future offices for code enforcement departments.

5. PLANNING

REQUEST: Conditional Use to Permit a Group Residence for Temporary Shelter for Homeless Victims of Domestic Violence (1111 N. St. Francis)

On Monday, March 27, 2000, the *District Advisory Board (DAB) for District 6* considered a request for a **Conditional Use to allow a group residence on property zoned "B" Multi-Family Residential**. The DAB Members were provided the public notice and MAPD staff comments for review.

The applicant, Susan Farrell, YWCA Director, stated that a *Conditional Use* is needed to allow a group residence for homeless victims of domestic violence. The shelter will accommodate a maximum of 34 residents, Ms. Farrell reported.

The DAB Members asked MAPD staff for the definition of *Conditional Use*. The DAB Members asked the following: 1) Will there be security; 2) Has the neighborhood association been notified; 3) How many residents would there be per room; 4) Is there an outside play area for children; and 5) Will there be protection for clients from the abusers?

The applicant responded that: 1) Security cameras monitor activities 24-hours a day and all doors are locked; 2) The issue had been presented to the neighborhood association and members were supportive; 3) Rooms for clients vary in size; 4) the shelter is located adjacent to a City park and 5) At times abusers have followed clients but, appropriate security measures were taken.

Barry Carroll, MAPD, commented that the current zoning would remain. If the request is approved, there will be a 14-day waiting period to determine whether there will be neighborhood protest. If there is no formal protest, the request will be officially approved. If there is a formal protest, the request would then be forward to the City Council for consideration.

The District Advisory Board Members were supportive of the request with the following recommendations: a) the applicant shall obtain all permits; b) the residence shall be limited to a maximum of 34 residents; and c) any violation to the conditions approved, as part of the request, shall render the *Conditional Use* null and void.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Cole asked Board Members to list issues to be addressed by the DAB in the upcoming months. Council Member Cole initiated the list by stating these items:

- a) Better understanding of the CIP.
- b) Look at the North Midtown Plan and have interested parties appear before the Board
- c) Parks – Schell Park has a plan that has gone to the neighborhood associations and is ready to go to the City Council.
Sherwood Glen – 37th and Womer Park
Central Riverside Park – Lets bring back week-end and evening activities.
- d) Change one-way streets to two-way: Emporia, Topeka, St. Francis and Park Place.
- e) North of Douglas make Main Street two-way to Murdock.
- f) Understanding the Policy for paving streets as District VI has lots of dirt streets.
- g) Recreation programs for youth in the district.
- h) Update the survey data for the bridge over the floodway on 13th, 21st, 25th and/or 29th streets.

The Board Members added:

- I-35 N where it goes West from K-96.
- Extending the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan to 29th street.
- General NRA plan – examine.
- CORE program- different incentives.
- Riverside Park Plan- the status of the plan.
- Botanica expansion- what will they own.
- What happens to 25th street.
- Seneca corridor – entryway to museums.
- Look at Delano- river bank improvements.
- Utility or infrastructure flooding problems.
- Minority membership to organizations.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **8:38 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Dozal
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